

Santee Community School
Knox County School District 0505
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
2015-2016 Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing and Regular Meeting, September 1, 2015
School Library, Santee, NE

2015-2016 Budget Public Hearing

President Steve Moose called the budget hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced that legal requirements for the meeting have been met.

Roll call of members, PRESENT were: Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Donnie Pike Jr., and Sidney Tuttle. ABSENT were Tammy Sandoval and Cindy Whipple.

Public notice was given in the newspaper of general circulation; the Niobrara Tribune and posted as per school board policy, that the Board of education will meet on the 1st day in September, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at the school library in Santee, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and to consider amendments.

The floor was opened for comments. Superintendent Carlstrom explained several worksheet pages used to create the budget and then explained the overall budget and the notice that was published.

After hearing no more comments regarding the 15-16 budget, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. by executive order.

2015-2016 Tax Request Hearing

President Steve Moose called the tax request hearing to order at 5:12 p.m. and announced that legal requirements for the meeting have been met.

Roll call of members, PRESENT were: Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Donnie Pike Jr., and Sidney Tuttle. ABSENT were Tammy Sandoval and Cindy Whipple.

Public notice was given in the newspaper of general circulation; the Niobrara Tribune and posted as per school board policy, that the Board of education will meet on the 1st day in September, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at the school library in Santee, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed tax request and to consider amendments.

The floor was opened for comments. Superintendent Carlstrom explained the tax levy rate and the amount of property tax the district would receive.

After hearing no more comments regarding the 15-16 tax request, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:14 p.m. by executive order.

Regular September Board Meeting-September 1, 2015

President Steve Moose called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and announced that legal requirements for the meeting had been met. He also stated that it was decided to conduct the monthly meeting for September on September 1 due to a home volleyball game on the regular date of Tuesday, September 8. Upon the completion of the business the board can take care of tonight, the meeting will be continued to a later date in September to complete the rest of the regular business.

Roll call of members, PRESENT were: Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Donnie Pike Jr., and Sidney Tuttle.

ABSENT were Tammy Sandoval and Cindy Whipple.

There is a quorum for business to be conducted.

The meeting was properly advertised, with all members, notified in advance of the call of the meeting. The Chairperson announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the room.

No one spoke in the designated public comment time.

President Steve Moose announced that the Board would skip to agenda item 7 first. Deana James had requested to be on the agenda in regard to her paraprofessional position at the Santee School. She told the Board she had been terminated by the Superintendent. She asked the Board for reconsideration. She also asked for the video of the incident leading to her termination to be played in open session after she consented to discussing this personnel matter in open session. Matters of the incident were discussed in open session. Superintendent Carlstrom explained the events preceding the termination.

It was moved by Moose, seconded by Tuttle, to reverse the decision of the Superintendent in regards to the termination of Deana James as allowed by Board policy 4210.

Roll call vote: Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: No; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent.

Motion carried, 3-Aye 1-No, 2-Absent.

President Steve Moose then went back to the top of the agenda. He stated that they will be skipping the consent agenda at this time until the budget is approved. After which they will come back and approve payments. The rest of the consent agenda will be completed when the Board completes the meeting at a later date.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Tuttle, to adopt the 2015-2016 budget as presented.

Roll call vote: Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Tuttle, to adopt the final tax request as presented.

Roll call vote: Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

Superintendent Carlstrom explained a proclamation for the attendance awareness month that was presented by NASB and explained that NASB was encouraging all boards across the state to adopt. He also shared the attendance for the elementary and high school for the month of August.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Tuttle, to adopt the September is Attendance Awareness Proclamation.

Roll call vote: Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye.
Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

It was moved by Pike and seconded by Tuttle to approve the proposal submitted by Thompson Propane to update propane equipment in the amount of \$8,980.05. The payment is to come from the special building fund for site improvements.

Roll call vote: Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye.
Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

Superintendent Carlstrom presented information regarding a new 2015 crew cab pickup to be used for maintenance and traveling to meetings. The board discussed options. They would like to see used quotes in addition. They will address the issue later.

Sixteen bills and claims for the month of September were presented to the board for approval.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Pike, to approve bills and claims in the amount of \$90,167.79.

Roll call vote: Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye.
Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

The Board reviewed the Continuous School Improvement Goals of:

A) 80% or more of all Santee students will achieve and maintain grade-level performance or higher in math, reading, language, and science as measured by our district-wide assessment (Measures of Academic Progress).

B) Santee Community School will reach and maintain at least a 91% student attendance rate each year measured by GoEdustar reporting.

C) Santee Community School will retain at least 80% of its staff each school year measured by NSSRS reporting.

Superintendent Carlstrom shared information about the results from last Spring's NESAs testing. He would like the Board to recognize the Class of 2016 and the Science teacher. He suggested doing something special for the class as 58% of them met NeSA standards on the Spring 2015 NeSA Science Testing.

It was moved by Pike, seconded by Tuttle, to recognize students in the Class of 2016 who scored an average of 58% meets NeSA Standards, in the Spring 2015 NeSA Science Testing. These students and the secondary teacher will be given a shirt in recognition of their efforts. Congratulations students for a job well done.

Roll call vote: Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent.
Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

All reports will be skipped this night and will be given when the meeting is completed.

It was moved by Pike, seconded by Johnson, for the Board of Education to conduct a workshop outside of the school district in Lincoln Nebraska on September 11 and September 12, 2015. The purpose of the workshop is to review the Superintendent Evaluation Procedures with NASB personnel. The workshop will be posted because it is anticipated more than a quorum will attend. President Moose will record the proceedings of the workshop for public record for the school district and travel arrangements will be made by President Moose.

Roll call vote: Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Pike, for board members to attend the NASB area membership meeting in Norfolk on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. More than a quorum may attend these meetings but this is not a board meeting or workshop. No decisions are made. Travel arrangement will be made by Superintendent Carlstrom.

Roll call vote: Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

Superintendent Carlstrom shared the dates for the Fall 2014 NAFIS conference. He explained he had his plane tickets purchased and the business manager had rooms reserved. The Board discussed who would attend. They offered an invitation to the business manager and Superintendent Carlstrom explained that the business manager had asked as she has attended previously. Superintendent Carlstrom referred the business manager to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Pike, to approve the Fall NAFIS trip as discussed.

Roll call vote: Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

The national NIEA conference in Portland October 14-17 was discussed. Several board members and Mr. Hoffman will be attending. In addition the Board selected Mrs. Crosley and Mrs. Sorensen to attend as teacher representatives and Tracy Medina as a staff representative.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Pike to approve travel for the NIEA Conference in Portland on October 14-17 for the above mentioned. Travel arrangement will be made by Superintendent Carlstrom and Mr. Hoffman.

Roll call vote: Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Pike to approve travel to the 97th Annual State Education Conference, "Get Switched on!" in LaVista on November 18-20 for all board members and the Superintendent.

Roll call vote: Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye; Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

The Board will discuss arrangements for NIISA in Las Vegas on December 7-8 at a later date.

The following items were discussed but no action was taken: APL training for all school staff, establishing a Santee Community School Foundation, and renting out the old day care building to establish another day care in Santee.

The continuation date for the balance of the regular September meeting will be held on September 14, 2015 at 5PM.

The travel reimbursement policy was discussed. During past travel, two board members did not attend an event but collected a mileage check. Superintendent Carlstrom repaid the amount to this district as he viewed it his responsibility to do so. The Board would like Superintendent Carlstrom to have his check back and instead issue letters to the 2 Board members to reconcile the situation. The Board would also like to visit old audit reports at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Flyinghawk addressed the Board about her current situation with the Sixpence Daycare. She has approached both the Principal and Superintendent about why she isn't being accepted to the program when she meets 2 of the 4 criteria. Superintendent Carlstrom explained that the daycare was operating with a grant, and that if you want the money you have to follow the rules. They are simply following the guidelines set for by the grant. The Board gave a directive to have Superintendent Carlstrom email them the rules and regulations of the grant. Also, the would like Mrs. Tramp, the director, to attend the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Pike to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Moose: Aye; Pike: Aye; Sandoval: Absent; Tuttle: Aye; Whipple: Absent; Johnson: Aye.

Motion carried, 4-Aye 0-No 2-Absent.

President Steve Moose adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM